

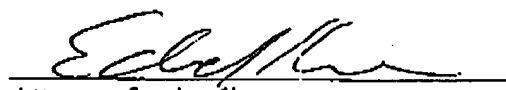
REMARKS

Claims 1, 3 to 8, 10 to 15, 17 to 22 and 24, 25, 27 and 28 are pending in the application, of which Claims 1, 8, 15, 22, 25 and 28 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

The Notice Of Non-Compliant Amendment indicated that the status of Claim 26 as presented in the August 23, 2004 Amendment was in question since that claim was included as having been "Currently Amended" in the listing of claims, but was indicated as having been cancelled in the text of the Remarks. The status of Claim 26 in that Amendment has been clarified herein as having been cancelled.

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